



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 5378
Commission on Presidential Debates

Dear Mr. Adkins:

On March 18, 2004, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in the complaint dated July 17, 2003 by your clients, John Hagelin, Ralph Nader, Patrick Buchanan, Howard Phillips, Winona LaDuke, Kingsley Brooks, on behalf of the Natural Law Party, Ben Manski, on behalf of the Green Party of the United States, and Jim Clymer, on behalf of the Constitution Party. The Commission found that, on the basis of the information provided in the complaint and information provided by respondents, there is no reason to believe the Commission on Presidential Debates violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433, 434, 441a(a), 441a(f), or 441b(a). Accordingly, on March 18, 2004, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.", is written over the typed name of the Deputy Associate General Counsel.

BY: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.
Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

Enclosure: General Counsel's Report

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